

"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore." Andre Gide



Albany Colony, General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Mayflower Chronicles

Spring Luncheon Meeting May 6, 2017

Normanside Country Club

150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY 12054



Governor General's Message

*Please note the earlier starting time of 12:00 noon; lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.
Our meeting will adjourn at 2:50 p.m. due to another scheduled event.*

Their First Spring Anno 1621 (Mayflower Departs and Corn Planted)

"They now began to dispatch the ship away which brought them over, which lay till about this time, or the beginning of April...Afterwards they (as many as were able) began to plant their corn, in which service Squanto stood them in great stead, showing them both the manner how to set it, and after, how to dress & tend it. Also, he told them, except they got fish & set with it in these old grounds it would come to nothing. And he showed them that in the middle of April they should store enough [of fish] come up ye brook, by which they began to build, and taught them how to take it, and where to get other provisions necessary for them. All which they found true by trial & experience. Some English seed they sowed, as wheat and pease, but it came not to good, either by the badness of the seed or lateness of the season or both, or some other defect." (*Of Plymouth Plantation* by William Bradford, p. 85.)

The 41st General Congress of the Mayflower Society will be in Plymouth, Massachusetts from September 8 through September 13, 2017. You will find more information about the Congress sessions and the Family Society meetings on the GSMD webpage using your Log In username and password.

Our May 6th luncheon/meeting presentation will be: "*Hereditary Societies: The What, How, and Why of Joining*", (a panel discussion featuring *Walley Francis, Tim Mabee, and Dave Morton, which may include anecdotes and tales of woe involved in joining and maintaining membership in multiple heritage organizations.*)

Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating this issue of our *Mayflower Chronicles*, and to Karl Danneil for keeping us up to date with the Albany Colony website:

(www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyacsmd)

I look forward to seeing you all at the Normanside Country Club on May 6th. Our next meetings will be November 4, 2017 and May 5, 2018.

Dave Morton

Colony Governor



"The year's at the spring - and day's at the morn - morning's at seven - the hillside's dew-pearled -
The lark's on the wing - the snail's on the thorn - God's in his Heaven - all's right with the world."
Robert Browning

**Colony
Officers:**

**Colony Governor –
David W. Morton, EdD**

**1st Dep. Col. Gov. –
Walley G. Francis**

**Secretary –
Priscilla S. Davis**

**Treasurer –
Betty-Jean Haner**

**Captain –
Julia W. Carosella**

**Captain 2 –
Douglas M. (Tim) Mabee**

**Historian –
Bette Bradway**

**Elder –
Arthur F. Young, Jr.**

**Archivist –
Eleanor L. Morris**

**Chronicles Editor –
Sylvia Story Magin
Email: SylviaSMagin@aol.com**

Editor's Note:

Because the photos I took at our Fall Luncheon Meeting (which I had intended to print in this issue) had not been saved on a disc, they were lost when my aging home computer crashed this past New Year's Eve.

I do apologize, and to make up for it, I have substituted some news items and anecdotes from other Mayflower Colonies, along with a few of my nature photos.

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Historian's Report

Membership Totals as of February 28, 2017

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|------------------|-----------|
| Regular Members | 210 |
| Life Members | <u>13</u> |
| Total Membership | 223 |

New Members

Welcome to Albany Colony!

| <u>Name</u> | <u>NY Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Ancestor</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Amanda Haig Collins | #NY 6097 | 01/27/17 | George Soule |
| Anne Whittlesey Donlan | #NY 6075 | 10/20/16 | Richard Warren |
| Kevin Ward Fitzgerald | #NY 6073 | 10/17/16 | William Brewster |
| Theresa Marie S. Foran | #NY 6065 | 09/15/16 | George Soule |
| Denise Small Hadamik | #NY 6100 | 02/14/17 | John Howland |
| Jessica Lynn Hadamik | #NY 6101 | 02/14/17 | John Howland |
| Ruth Ann Huggler | #NY 6103 | 02/14/17 | Richard Warren |
| Gloria Brown Small | #NY 6077 | 10/17/16 | John Howland |

Supplemental Lines Added

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|------------------------|--|
| Linda C. Akins - | William Brewster |
| Suzanne P. Bell - | Thomas Rogers |
| James R. Chamberlain - | Joan Hurst, John Tilley |
| Christine Standish - | Peter Brown, William Mullins, William Brewster |

Deletions

Death - Janet McMurray Stewart Transferred Out - James F. Lampher (Florida)

Removed for Non-Payment of Dues

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| Marilyn H. DeLorio | Marie Ellen McDonald |
| Alisan S. Donway | Johanna F. Porr |
| Alice L. Eckardt | Gordon D. Sheret |
| Jesse A. Eisenheim | Verna S. Smith |
| Nan P. Hayes | Naomi S. VanSteenburgh |
| Sara B. Light | Bruce A. Winters |

Other

Converted to Life Membership—Carol J. Quencer

Bette Bradway

Historian

“America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact—the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality.

Adlai E. Stevenson

November 5, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

The Fall Compact Day Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville NY, on Saturday, November 5th. The meeting was called to order by Colony Gov. David W. Morton at 12:30 PM. The Invocation was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by 1st Deputy Colony Governor Walley G. Francis. The Mayflower Compact Day Proclamation, dated November 5th signed by NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, was read by 2nd Deputy Colony Governor Dr. Sara L. French.

Officers present were introduced by Colony Gov. Morton: 1st Deputy Col. Gov. Walley G. Francis; 2nd Deputy Col. Gov. Dr. Sara L. French; Secretary Priscilla S. Davis; Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner; Historian Bette I. Bradley; Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.; Editor Sylvia S. Magin. (Absent: Archivist Eleanor Morris, Webmaster Karl Danneil, Co-Captains Julia Carosella and Douglas (Tim) Mabee).

New members present were introduced: Arlene Nemyer (William Bradford) and Theresa Myron (George Soule). **Self-introductions** by members and guests included: name, location, and ancestors. Members present - 35 & guests - 13 = 48. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 7, 2016 meeting were printed in the Chronicles. Motion to approve the minutes as printed made by Art Young and seconded by Larry Van Brunt. Motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Betty-Jean Haner. Motion to approve the report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historian: Motion made to approve the Membership Report as printed in the Chronicles by Art Young and seconded by Larry Van Brandt. Motion carried. **Chronicles:** Sylvia Magin thanked Jim Rogers for the use of his pictures for the November 2016 issue of the Chronicles. **Website:** At present the Albany Colony website is not active. It was suggested we try to link with the New York Society website.



ROLL CALL OF ANCESTORS

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| John Alden -1 | Samuel Fuller - 0 | Richard Warren - 1 |
| Isaac Allerton - 1 | Stephen Hopkins - 6 | William White - 2 |
| John Billington - 0 | John Howland - 4 | Edward Winslow - 0 |
| William Bradford - 5 | Richard More - 1 | Mary Norris Allerton - 1 |
| William Brewster - 8 | William Mullins - 0 | Mary Brewster - 7 |
| Peter Brown - 0 | Degory Priest - 0 | Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins - 1 |
| James Chilton - 2 | Thomas Rogers - 1 | Elizabeth Tilley Howland - 4 |
| Francis Cooke - 1 | Henry Samson - 0 | Joan Hurst Tilley - 1 |
| Edward Doty—2 | George Soule - 3 | Giles Hopkins - 0 |
| Francis Eaton - 1 | Miles Standish - 1 | Constance Hopkins - 3 |
| Moses Fletcher - 0 | John Tilley - 2 | Priscilla Mullins - 1 |
| Edward Fuller—1 | | |

William Brewster's descendants again had the greatest representation - 8

Old Business: Website discussion included having a free website, which is limiting, or paying for a website which creates an expense that will need to be budgeted. Further details to follow soon.

New Business: Nominating Committee for Officers for the term 2017-2020. According to the By-Laws (Article VIII, Sec. 4), the nominating committee consists of five members including past Colony Governors and other members appointed by the current Colony Governor. Committee members are: Jim Rogers, Art Young, Bette Bradway, Lisa O'Brien and one more to be named by Col. Gov. Morton. The new slate of officers will be presented at the Annual May Meeting.

Program: "*Comical reflections While Serving as Historian General in Plymouth*" presented by Bette Bradway. Bette's term of office was 2002-2005. The Historian General's job at the time was to approve or reject every application submitted for membership in the SOMD. In addition to applications, she received numerous strange requests. Her job of reviewing about 2,000 applications was very time consuming, but she found much humor offered within them, intentionally or not. There are many people with unusually odd or silly names. Bette shared a few of those strange requests and names which made for a very entertaining presentation.

Future meeting dates: May 6, 2017; November 4, 2017.

Benediction given by Elder Arthur Young.
Meeting adjourned at 2:59pm.



Priscilla S. Davis, Secretary

Here are some newsy notes, comments, and ideas from some of our "Cousins" in other Mayflower Colonies and other States, gleaned from their websites and newsletters.....

FROM NEBRASKA....

At a recent meeting in Lincoln they conducted their annual silent auction to raise money for their scholarship fund, auctioning off many donated items.

They enjoy three meetings a year, spring, summer and fall.



FROM MAINE.....

The spring meeting of the Maine Mayflower Society will feature two young essay winners reading their compositions. The student from grades 5 or 6 whose 350-word essay "A Pilgrim Who Was on the Mayflower" is chosen best will win \$75.00, and the student from grades 7 or 8 who best describes "What the Pilgrims Mean to Me" in 500 words will be awarded \$100. Their newsletter says that "Entries will be judged on expression of personal thoughts and reflections, historical accuracy, focus to the topic, word choice fluency and conventions of writing." (A nice way to spark interest among the local youth.)

"All we have of freedom, all we use or know—this our fathers bought for us long and long ago." Rudyard Kipling

FROM IDAHO...

Members of the Mayflower Society of the State of Idaho pieced together a gorgeous quilt measuring 99" x 105" that "tells the story after the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 until the first harvest." After receiving a blue ribbon at the Western Idaho Fair, the quilt was auctioned off, with bids starting at \$1,000, to some very lucky winner!

FROM UTAH...

For their 2014 fall meet, the Utah Mayflower Society gathered at "Thanksgiving Point in Lehi" and "participated in the *Eat Like a Pilgrim* program". (Wouldn't it be interesting to learn what was on that menu?)

The Utah Society publishes a quarterly newsletter for junior members that includes pages with pilgrim-associated pages suitable for coloring.



FROM CALIFORNIA...

The Mayflower Society meets four times a year "to remember our heritage, for social time, lunch, and a program related to personalities, events or items of Pilgrim or California historical interest." With 13 Colonies the California Society is second only to Massachusetts.

The San Francisco Society holds joint meetings with other colonies within the Bay Area. Statewide there are now thirteen colonies.

The California website says, "Plans are underway to design and submit a Mayflower float in Pasadena's Rose Parade in January, 2020." (That's one we'll want to see!)

FROM MARYLAND....

The Society has a historic costume designer in its membership, and several members wore authentic costumes to a "*Dress Like a Pilgrim*" Dinner. On another occasion the members enjoyed a sail on board the *Sultana* during "*Downrigging Weekend*" in Chestertown, Maryland.

Maryland has two programs encouraging attendance: the "Friends of the Mayflower" program and a "Bring Them on Board" program for family members not eligible to join. (A nice way to acknowledge spouses.)

FROM ILLINOIS.....

Their Mayflower Society has a vibrant program for their Junior Members, presenting each of them with a book about the Mayflower voyage on their birthdays.

At one meeting they were pleased to have 12 Junior Members in attendance. The youngsters helped sell raffle tickets and distribute the donated prizes to the winners, one of whom was the lucky recipient of tickets to a Chicago White Sox game.

One Illinois Society member had been telling her preschool daughter about her famous ancestors, and the lady related how, near Thanksgiving, the teacher met her at the door and said, "Ava's been out of control all day. telling big whoppers, and we can't get her to stop. Ava says she's a Pilgrim and Squanto had Thanksgiving with her family." It was the lady's pleasure to tell the teacher that Ava was correct.



FROM GEORGIA....

Last fall their luncheon meeting included a family-oriented musical program to "appeal to all ages."

Their spring meeting also featured a special musical program developed by the honors music program of a nearby college. Nice!



FROM CONNECTICUT....

The Mayflower Society in the Nutmeg State has a 2020 license plate frame available in their on-line store. It features a handsome likeness of the Mayflower and the dates 1620—2020, a great way to attract attention.

The Connecticut Society, having been the beneficiary of generous bequests from members, is able to offer three annual scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,620 to local high school students.



FROM OHIO...

Their Society shop offers lapel pins for \$10 showing the Mayflower inside a red circle with the words, "The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio" and includes "Plymouth 1620—Ohio 1898."a beautiful ornament for proud Ohio Descendants.

The Western Reserve Mayflower Colony tells us in their "Buckeye Newsletter" that they are re-launching a Mayflower bingo-style trivia game that they first created and copyrighted twenty-five years ago. It is to be updated and reissued in time for the 2017 State Assembly. The price—at the State Assembly only— is **\$16.20**. After that the price goes, naturally, to: **\$20.20!** What fun!

The Cincinnati Colony enjoyed a program starring "Susannah White Winslow" from Plimoth Plantation sharing her stories of the voyage. The Cleveland Colony had the same idea; they invited reenactor "John Howland".

The Toledo Colony is planning a bus trip to Plymouth in June, 2018, and their first night's stayover will be in Albany!

"April is a promise that May is bound to keep."

Hal Borland

FROM CANADA...

(We may sometimes forget our "cousins" to the north.)

The mission statement of the Mayflower Society in Canada includes these two intentions:

"To educate and inform the public of this part of Canadian history through charitable and educational activities by which means we further our heritage.

"To build a substantial research library, accessible to the public, to assist Canadians in researching their New England family history."



"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance."

Theodore Roosevelt.

FROM DELAWARE....

Their mission statement includes some laudable outreach ideas:

"Our Society works to honor those brave Pilgrims by keeping their memory alive through education, disseminating information about our Pilgrim heritage through the distribution of books to our libraries statewide, through the distribution of educational materials to our public and private schools and the presentation of programs in the classrooms of younger children, and through the sponsorship for the general public of various programs about our Pilgrim heritage."

Their Society offers a lovely lapel pin for Delaware descendants featuring a likeness of the Mayflower, a nice attention getter.



"How often we fail to realize our good fortune in living in a country where happiness is more than a lack of tragedy.

Paul Sweeney



AND IN NEW YORK...

For years the New York Society has been giving *Compact Awards* to senior high students who have shown a "proficiency in the history of the United States and an understanding of the US Constitution. The winners receive a \$100 check and a Mayflower Compact certificate inscribed with their name and the name of their school." Two winners are chosen from public schools, one from private schools, and every year more than 125 awards are presented in the State of New York.

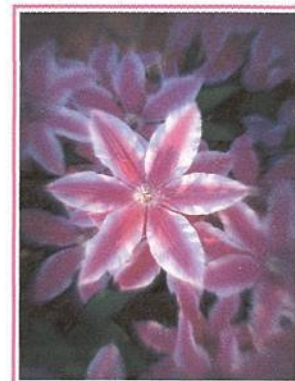
Our New York Society hosts the "Cousins Dinner" every year in March. In June it's the "Summer Solstice Cocktail Party" along with the *Society of Colonial Wars*, and in November it's the Annual Debutante Ball. This elegant affair is the main fund-raising event of the year for the New York Society's educational programs.

The Shop offers Mayflower ties in four colors, a Pilgrim teddy bear, a rosette for the lapel, and a pure silk scarf. Of course more gift items are available through the General Society Shop, and it's worth a look.



FROM DELAWARE.... Can you top this?

Their newsletter tells us that a lady named Amy Dill of Camden descends from 15 different individuals who landed at Plymouth in December, 1620: "...from Isaac Allerton and his wife Mary (Norris) Allerton. Amy's lines also come down from the three Tilley: John Tilley, Joan (Hurst) Tilley, and Elizabeth Tilley, so that makes six passengers, so far. By the way, Amy's middle name is Howland, so that line is honored by Amy's life. William Mullins and his daughter Priscilla, are counted among Amy's antecedents, and so, Amy also claims John Alden with whom Priscilla 'intermarried.' A cornerstone individual William Brewster and his wife Mary (for whom we do not have a maiden name), count among Amy Dill's great, great grandparents. Amy also descends from George Soule, Francis Cooke and his son, John Cooke, and from Richard Warren. That makes 15. ...and, because she descends from more than one child of some of them, she has 19 provable lines of descent."



"We inherit from our ancestors gifts so often taken for granted. Each of us contains within this inheritance of soul. We are links between the ages, containing past and present expectations, sacred memories and future promise."

Edward Sellner

FROM VERMONT,,,,

At a previous meeting in Randolph, the guest speaker was James Baker, former curator of the Alden House and former director and senior historian of Plimouth Plantation, speaking on "Pilgrim Images Throughout History."

Last year the Vermont Society had a booth at the History Expo in Tunbridge over a mid-June weekend. Their newsletter proclaims, "Once again it was very successful and raised public interest."

FROM WYOMING...

The Wyoming Mayflower Society has been selling "a very nice Jersey Polo shirt with a 60th Anniversary logo" in honor of their special anniversary year. The shirts show a handsome logo designed by a local company.

Their newsletter stated that at their annual meeting last spring "a meeting dress code applies, which is suit/tie or sport coat/tie for men, and dresses for women." (I wonder if that applies to *every* annual meeting or just that one, held at the Parkway Plaza Hotel in Casper.)

FROM MINNESOTA....

Their newsletter says that to preserve the history of our Mayflower ancestors, they "keep their memory alive through genealogy, historical research, education, library donations, preservation of historic records and sites."

They enjoy three meetings a year. Besides the Compact Luncheon in November, their April and August meetings take place at various historic sites throughout Minnesota, and they include "historical and educational speakers who make history come alive."



"Awake thou wintry earth—fling off thy sadness! Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth your ancient gladness!

Thomas Blackburn

Nominations for Albany Colony Officers

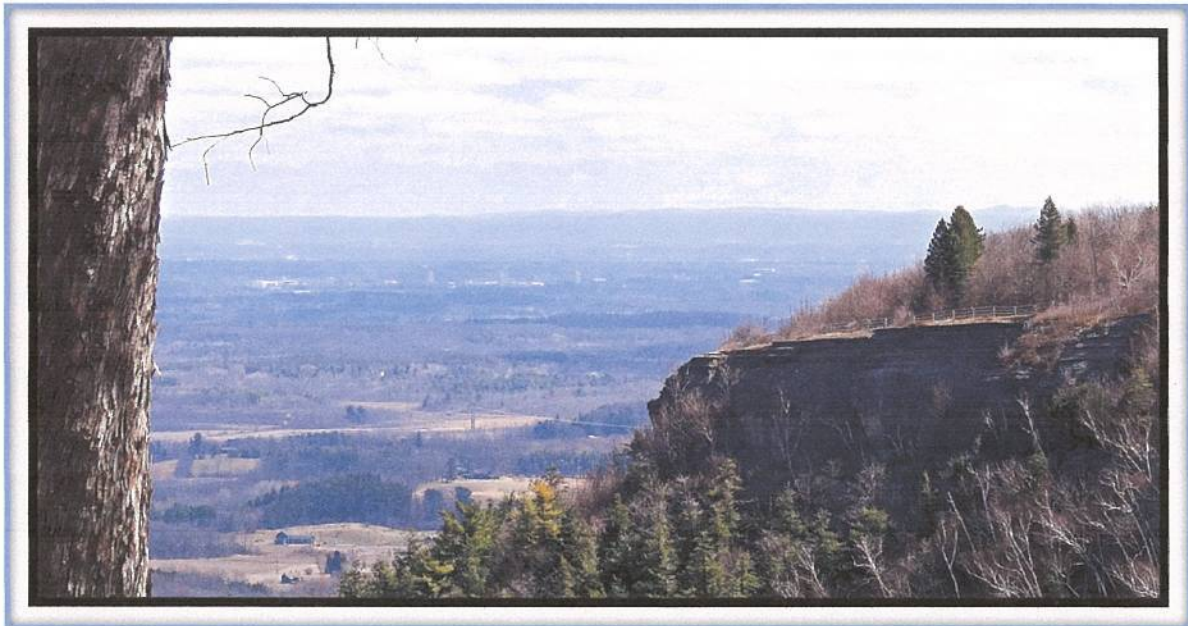
~ To be voted on at the May 6, 2017 Meeting ~

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| Colony Governor: | David W. Morton |
| 1st Deputy Colony Governor: | Walley G. French |
| 2nd Deputy Colony Governor: | VACANT |
| Secretary: | VACANT |
| Treasurer: | Betty-Jean Haner |
| Co-Captain (Flag): | Douglas M. "Tim" Mabee |
| Co-Captain (Meeting arrangements): | VACANT |
| Historian: | VACANT |
| Elder: | Arthur F. Young, Jr. |
| Archivist: | VACANT |

(Note: The Website Administrator and Chronicles Editor are appointed, not elected.)

"A concerted effort to preserve our heritage is a vital link to our cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, and economic legacies—all of the things that quite literally make us who we are."

Steve Berry



John Boyd Thacher State Park

Did you know.....

....that one of the most beautiful U.S. commemorative coins ever issued was the **1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary Half Dollar**? (I didn't.)

As we approach the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower, the *GSMD* (*General Society, Mayflower Descendants*) is encouraging us all to get involved in their enthusiastic campaign for the issuance of a new series of coins by the U.S. Mint for **2020**. So it occurred to me to wonder about the Three Hundredth Anniversary, and I began "surfing the Web" to learn more.

Designed by Boston sculptor Cyrus E. Dallin and containing 90% silver, the **1920** Half Dollar features on one side a stylized" portrait (because no actual likeness exists) of Governor William Bradford and the Mayflower in full sail on the other. The ***Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission***, through the National Shawmut Bank of Boston and other outlets, asked for production of 500,000 coins, but Congress authorized only 300,000.

Coin collectors have eagerly sought to acquire this handsome and significant coin over the past hundred years, and there are now several websites offering them for sale. In 1920 the going price for the brand-new half dollar was \$1.00 or \$1.50, and in 1965 the average market price was \$10.00. By 1975 it had risen to \$38.00, and in 1985 it was \$200. In today's world the prices vary hugely, depending on the coin's condition, and thanks to the Internet you can track them down for quite a bit less than \$100.00 for coins that have been circulated, while the most exquisite, pristine specimens may demand a price of several thousand dollars.

The Internet discloses that the total quantity issued in 1920 was 200,112. Of that number, 152,112 were actually distributed and 48,000 were "returned for melting." In 1921, another 100,053 were minted, but due apparently to a nationwide economic recession that year, only 20,053 were distributed and 80,000 were "returned for melting."

As *Descendants* we have a great opportunity to help make the new Mayflower coin(s) a reality for **2020** by joining the Mayflower Society's campaign of letter writing to our Congressional Representatives. Although the specific legislation died when Congress adjourned in 2016, new legislation is currently being drafted, and when the new bills are ready, the *GSMD* website will contain the information you will need in order to participate—sample letters that you can copy or modify—and you can easily find your own two Representatives' names and addresses on the Internet. If you have already written yours, as I did, it will be a simple matter to revise and write again. If not, do consider doing so to urge passage of this significant legislation. Let's get Congress to authorize "our own" commemorative coins for the Big Four Hundredth!



Also in 1920, a handsome set of three beautiful commemorative stamps was issued by the post office in honor of the Pilgrim Tercentenary year, in denominations of one, two, and five cents. The General Society has filed an application for a new set of postage stamps to be issued in **2020**. Several design ideas have been presented, and the post office invites the public to offer their input. Why not send your ideas to **Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300, Washington, DC 20260-3501**? They're listening!

Sylvia Story Maguin, Editor

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead





Spring Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Business Meeting 12:00 p.m.

Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

"Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm." John Muir



Please Join us at

Normanside Country Club

150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY 12054



Your menu choices for luncheon are:

- 1) Chicken Francaise (egg-battered chicken, lemon, garlic, white wine, butter)
- 2) Beef Bordelaise (beef brisket, garlic, shallots, herbs, red wine reduction)
- 3) Grilled Pork Chop (boneless, mushrooms, garlic, red wine)

All meals include Caesar Salad and Rolls and Butter

Dessert: Lemon Pound Cake, Coffee or Hot Tea

Your check for **\$28.00** per person should be made payable to **Albany Colony SOMD** and be mailed with the reservation blank below to **Betty-Jean Haner, 53 New Shaker Road Albany, NY 12205-3615.**

Reservations *must* be in the mail by April 30.

For late reservations call Betty-Jean at (518) 869-8368

But please note that no reservations can be taken after May 2.



Please reserve _____ place(s) for me at the Spring Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, May 6, 2017. **All entrees are \$28.00.** Please list below the names of persons attending and their meal choices:

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Signed: _____

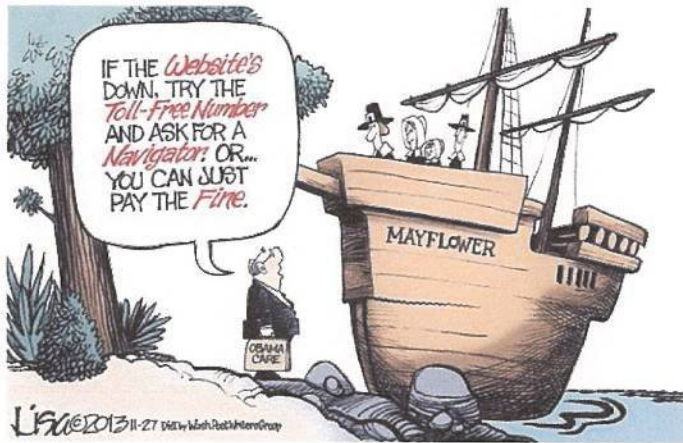
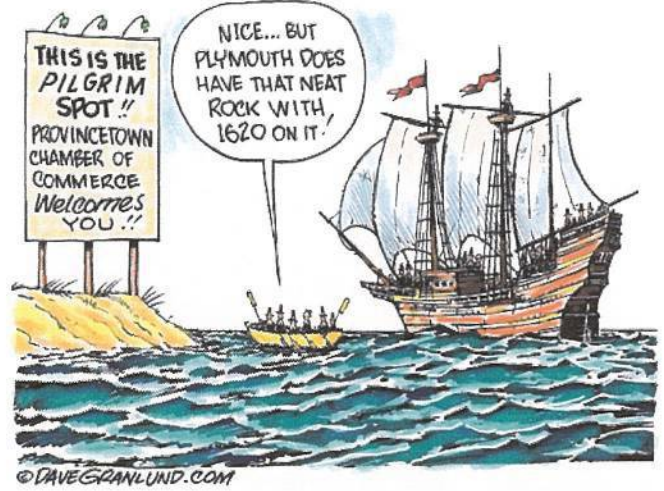
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I cannot attend, but I wish to donate to the Albany Colony \$ _____

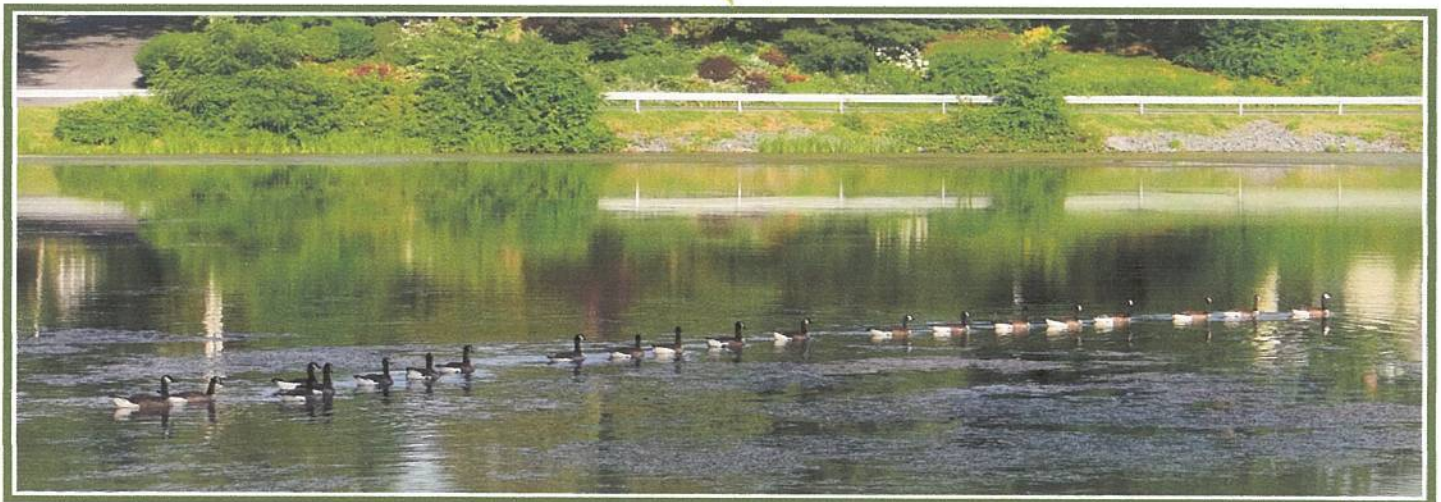
Just
for
fun...



Provincetown wants visitors to be more aware of the Mayflower's first landing...



After repairs, Mayflower II was towed up Cape Canal...



"Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it's a rebirth of the spirit." Toni Sorenson